

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1711**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Byron Rushing**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Relative to the Reform of Archaic Laws Implicating Certain Private Consensual Intimate Conduct Between Adults.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Gary Daffin	Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REFORM OF ARCHAIC LAWS IMPLICATING CERTAIN PRIVATE CONSENSUAL INTIMATE CONDUCT BETWEEN ADULTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 34 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
2 by striking out, in lines 1 to 2, the words “commits the abominable and detestable crime against nature,  
3 either with mankind or” and inserting in place thereof the words:-- engages in sexual relations.

4           SECTION 2. Section 35 of chapter 272 is hereby repealed.